



Pathways Policy Institute (PPI),

With and On Behalf of,

Health NGO's Network (HENNET)

And

Laikipia County Civil Society Forum (LACCSOF)

To;

CECM Finance, Economic Planning and County Development,

County Government of Laikipia

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RE: PATHWAYS POLICY INSTITUTE (PPI), HENNET, and LAIKIPIA CSO FORUM
(LACCSOF joint Memoranda for the Laikipia County Annual Budget Estimates for FY
2025/2026

Pathways Policy Institute (PPI) is a community-based policy and accountability non-profit organization, Meaningfully Engaging Communities (MEC) on Population Dynamics, Health, Environment, and Climate Justice. Pathways aims to realise local solutions by strengthening community health systems to respond to health and climate challenges using a Primary Health Care (PHC) Lens.

Kenya's Health NGOs Network (HENNET) is a network of over 100 civil society organizations (CSOs) working in health across all 47 counties in Kenya. HENNET coordinates and promotes the engagement of these CSOs to advocate for advancements in health policy. HENNET promotes the roles and engagement of civil society to

transform Kenya's health sector by addressing gaps in health system financing, inequitable access to services, suboptimal quality of care, and deep disparities between and within counties. Founded in 2005, HENNET provides a common platform among the CSOs dealing with diverse health-related issues in Kenya for collaboration, the sharing of experiences, and joint advocacy, thereby strengthening voice and legitimacy and expanding reach into the health sector ecosystem and infrastructure as well as regional and global forums. Now with more than 112 members comprised of both local and international NGOs, faith-based organizations (FBOs) and research institutions in all the 47 counties in Kenya, HENNET is committed to the following strategic objectives: targeted and evidence-based advocacy and policy engagement; networking, coordination and collaboration; capacity development and sustainability; and research and knowledge management.

Laikipia County Civil Society Forum (LACCSOF) is a membership forum of a network of Public Benefit Organizations (PBOs) that are based and working in Laikipia County with the objective of creating synergies for effective delivery of their respective mandates, promoting constitutionalism, creating awareness on civilian oversight, promoting public participation and contributing positively to the development of the county.

We also within ourselves have a network that includes community-based budget champions and grassroot social auditors across the county that advance social accountability agenda, share ideas and experiences as well as learn from each other in pursuit of each organization individual and shared objectives. This memorandum is merged with the Memoranda developed by the undersigned members from Laikipia Social Auditors Network, CEDGG, Pathways Policy Institute, Mashinani Youth Network, United Disabled Persons of Laikipia, Institute for Care, Empowerment and Support, Drawing Dreams initiative, Sauti Yangu, Mt. Kenya Youth Hub, Nanyuki Skaters and Activista. As CSOs in Laikipia, together with our Budget Champions and Social Auditors we are committed to supporting the County Government of Laikipia to achieve its wider vision of making Laikipia the Greatest County with the Best Quality of Life. Following the call by the CECM Finance, Economic Planning and County Development for written submissions and memoranda towards Laikipia County Annual Budget Estimates 2025/2026, PPI, HENNET and LACCSOF made efforts to compile this memorandum in line with invitation for Public Participation. This Memo is also based on the Memo submitted to the same office on the 14th of August 2024 in line with the call for memorandum for the Annual Development Plan. We are pleased to note that some of the requirements we had put our have been addressed while others have not. The following are our continued asks as per the needs of the Laikipia fraternity.

Health Sector:

1. The Health Budget stands at 16% of the county revenue (without HRH) which is slightly lower compared to 19% in 2024/25. While the nominal figures have

increased, the lower % needs to be addressed to reach the best practice of 25% health financing.

2. CHP Stipend; - For us to full cover our Preventative health; the CHP budget required for CP Stipend and support is 36m for stipends, 9m for SHA and 10m for airtime; We currently only have budgeted for 36m thus there is a gap.
3. RH and Beyond Zero Programs operationalization; The county has always budgeted for RH as a stand-alone budget and this needs to continue; the split should be as follows;
 - RH/FP budget – 2,200,000
 - Beyond Zero (rationalized at 150000 per ward) – 2,250,000
4. Breaking down of the Health Products and Technologies and Equipment is key to ensure that while equipping health facilities, specific requirement e.g. Nyahururu CT scan is captured and prioritized.
5. That Operationalizing Youth Friendly Centres be factored in, location and budget be included.
6. That Menstrual Health Management though mentioned as a priority area does not have an allocated budget in the CIDP and that should be factored in.
7. The 16m for purchase of Ambulance be prioritized for NTRH while plans be made or NCRH ambulance.
8. That budget for HIV/AIDS budget should be increased from 500,000 with USAID withdrawal to 2,000,000.
9. That the FLOCCA budget be allocated 5% for all health facilities to have water harvesting and storage

Youth and Gender:

1. That there be allocation for youth and sports away from KICOSCA that factors in other games beside football and also incorporates PWDs.
2. That the Youth Friendly Centre at NTRH be equipped and staffed.
3. That there be deliberate investment in equipping VTCs with modern tools and equipment's to make them attractive in offering competitive and marketable skills.
4. That the market stalls behind Nanyuki Social Hall be converted to a youth friendly space and also introduce an ICT hub within the facility.

5. That The Laikipia Youth Service Act be reviewed and a County Youth policy be developed to embrace the myriad of youth issues and homegrown practical solutions.
6. That when allocating funds for stadia upgrade, it should be specific, with a specific timeline and budget.
7. That 30% AGPO opportunities for Youth, PWDs and Women be made mandatory.
8. That Laikipia County formulates a Gender policy.
9. That The Youth Strategic Plan 2024-2018 be reviewed and countywide public participation for the youth be conducted.

Water, Environment and Climate Change.

1. That all projects allocated be specific, with a specific budget, location and timeline.
2. That Kiandegge Water Project in Ngobit Ward (Started in 2008 as a Self-Help Group project) be allocated to ensure the citizens can access clean sufficient water.
3. That all public facilities to have water harvesting and storage facilities.
4. That all Asbestos roofing in any public facility be removed.
5. That Boreholes drilled should first be equipped before drilling others.
6. That The Laikipia Water Bill and Sand Harvesting Bills be reviewed.
7. That County Government of Laikipia procure tree seedlings from youths and also PWDs groups.

Persons With Disabilities:

1. That County Government of Laikipia assigns making of assistive devices for PWDs to VTCs like assembly of Clutches, prosthetics, walking frames, callipers and wheelchairs.
2. That all buildings including ablution blocks be PWD friendly.
3. That Laikipia County enacts a PWD Act and also formulates a PWD policy.
4. That Laikipia County designs an operational feeding programme for PWD street families.
5. That PWDs be exempted in the fair cost sharing formula for tanks.

6. That medical assessment for PWDs in hospitals be waived.
7. That PWDs be considered in sports allocation. The sports kitty must have PWD friendly games as well as indoor and board games.
8. That PWDs be involved in FLLOCCA.

County Administration and Public Service.

1. That there be a deliberate allocation for modern fire-fighting engines for the 3 major towns – Nanyuki, Rumuruti and Nyahururu.
2. That all sports allocations be removed from Office of the Governor and be entrenched in the relevant Youths and Sports docket.
3. That CSO forum allocation be scrapped because there are no CSO fora organized.
4. That there be an allocation for sustained civic education and County Government make deliberate efforts to partner with CSOs and NGOs in the civic space.

Conclusion.

In the spirit of comprehensive and transparent budget documents, PPI, HENNET, and LACCSOF are pleased to note that our recommendation during the ADP was taking in as follows;

1. A public participation report of ADP 2024/2025 be provided and include in it feedback of what was taken up from public participation and what wasn't and justification.

In the spirit of transparency in Laikipia County Budgeting; This is all we shall pray.

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